

## Reds Protest to U. S. Against War Vessels In Italian Waters

By the Associated Press  
LONDON, Jan. 30.—The Moscow radio said today that Russia has formally charged the United States with violating the Italian peace treaty by sending American warships to Italian ports.

The broadcast said Alexander S. Panyushkin, the Soviet Ambassador in Washington, has sent a protest note to Secretary of State Marshall Wednesday.

(The State Department in Washington said the note has been received and is under study.)

The radio said the Soviets also sent the note to the French government "with a request to make its contents known to the Allied and Associated Powers which had signed the peace treaty with Italy."

Second in Week.  
It was the second such protest this week. Yesterday Russia sent a protest note to the United States and Britain over the proposed reopening of Melahia air base in North Africa. This protest also charged violation of the Italian treaty.

The broadcast said Russia contended that American warships were violating Italian ports to support the government of Premier Alcide de Gasperi. The government has been under fire from Italian Communists for some time.

The announcer said the visits constituted a breach of the treaty, which provided for withdrawal from Italy by December 15, 1947. The pact went into effect September 15.

The American aircraft carrier Midway, three cruisers and 10 destroyers have anchored off some Italian ports, including Naples and Taranto. They constitute part of the Mediterranean fleet.

The text of the broadcast: "The Paris press reports that American war vessels have reappeared in the Italian ports of Naples, Taranto, Leghorn, Genoa and others, and that they are to remain there for a long time already, which fact is explained by the desire of the United States to render political support to the De Gasperi government, which enjoys little prestige among the Italian people. The stay of the American warships in Italian ports is also said to be connected with sending of American marines to the Mediterranean."

(United States officials announced in Rome, January 19 about 1,000 American Marines were expected to arrive in the Mediterranean waters to bring up the complement of these forces abroad.)

"The story of the American naval squadron in Italian ports contradicts the Italian peace treaty. Statements of American officials recently published in the American press confirm these facts of United States violation of the peace treaty with Italy, which provides for withdrawal from Italy of all armed forces of Allied and associated powers by December 15, 1947."

In view of the above, U. S. S. R. Ambassador in the United States Panyushkin, on January 28, sent a note to State Secretary Marshall, the text of which also was conveyed by the Soviet government to the government of France, with the request to make it known to the Allied and associated powers which had signed the peace treaty with Italy."

U. S. Expected to Reject Melahia Protest Today  
By the Associated Press  
A note to Moscow today is expected to reject Russia's protest against reopening the American air field at Melahia in North Africa.

The Melahia air field is outside Tripoli, in the former Italian colony of Libya. It was built in wartime as a base for heavy bombers. It is within 900 miles of most of the capitals of the Communist-dominated Balkans.

Russia's protest about that was made to the State Department in a note delivered January 21 by Ambassador Alexander S. Panyushkin. The Moscow radio said then that restoring the field was aimed at the "countries of the new democracy in Europe."

The announcement that it would be put back into use after being closed down for a year was made a week earlier by American Air Force officials in Europe.

They said it was needed for transport planes supplying the American missions in the Middle East. These include the Greek aid mission and the Dhanrahan air base in the oil fields of Saudi Arabia.

U. S. Officer Ridicules Red Charge on Treaty  
ROME, Jan. 30 (AP).—A high-ranking American naval officer declared ridiculous today a Russian charge that American warships are violating Italy in violation of the Italian peace treaty.

He said the visits were "cleared through diplomatic channels in each case." The operation follows a friendly practice that "has obtained as long as ships have sailed the seas," he added.

John S. Leach Dies; Former Public Printer  
By the Associated Press  
NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—John S. Leach, 79, former public printer of the United States and organizer of the Government Printing Office in the Philippines, died yesterday.

A native of Bloomington, Ill., Mr. Leach had been in the Government printing service more than 10 years when President Theodore Roosevelt commissioned him to go to the Philippines in 1901 to organize the printing office there.

He left the printing field in 1914, and later joined the public relations staff of J. P. Morgan & Co., from which he retired in 1931.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Norma Francis Masters, and a niece, Edith L. Masters, of Petersburg, Ill., and a nephew, James R. Clark, and a grandniece, Marjorie Elizabeth Clark, of Bloomington.

He will be buried in Bloomington.



JUSTICE PROCTOR.

## Groner

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and since 1938 chief justice of that court.

He has taken an outstanding part in the fight for a new courthouse, raising a new court of appeals, and for young lawyers, and discussing the legal problems of the day at the Judicial Circuit Conference here. He has written some of the court's outstanding opinions in a period when the National Government was expanding and gigantic problems of peace and war were facing the country.

Practiced Law in Norfolk.  
Mrs. Groner has long been a leader in Washington's social and charitable circles. She has been twice president of the Columbia Hospital Board, chairman of the Frontier Nursing Service and president of the board of the Thrift Shop.

Chief Justice Groner was born in Norfolk, Va., September 6, 1873. He graduated from Washington and Lee University, where he received a degree from the University of Virginia in 1894. He began the practice of law in Norfolk, as a delegate to five Republican national conventions and became United States attorney for the eastern district of Virginia. In 1921 he was named to the United States District Court for the eastern district of Virginia, on which he was a jurist for 10 years.

Former President Herbert Hoover named Justice Groner in 1931 to the United States Court of Appeals here. The late President Roosevelt elevated him to the chief justiceship in 1938.

Justice Stephens, senior associate justice on the court, was awarded the Medal of Merit by President Truman for his wartime services as American chairman of the Joint British-American Patent Interchange Committee. He went on the bench here in 1935 following service as an Assistant to the Attorney General. He is a native of Crete, Neb., where he was born May 6, 1886.

Justice Proctor has long been recognized as one of the outstanding District Court jurists and has participated in a number of important cases. He recently presided at the trial of Mayor James M. Curley of Boston, who was convicted of using the mails to defraud. He also presided at the famous American Medical Association case in which that group and a number of prominent physicians here were charged with violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. He is a native of Washington.

Streamliner Derailed, 18 Hurt in Nebraska  
By the Associated Press  
OGALLALA, Neb., Jan. 30.—A fast Union Pacific streamliner left the rails 12 miles east of here today, injuring about 18 persons and leaving wreckage strewn half a mile down the track.

The train was the crack City of San Francisco, eastbound to Chicago. All 18 cars and the three power units left the tracks and five were tossed on their sides.

Most seriously injured were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Q. Celletti of Brooklyn, both of whom had broken collar bones. The railroad said the others were being dismissed rapidly from a crowded Ogallala hospital.

A seven-car special train was sent from Omaha to pick up the uninjured among the 214 passengers and return them to Omaha.

Apparently a broken wheel on one of the power units was the cause of the accident, a railroad spokesman said.

The accident tied up both east and west traffic on the Union Pacific's main line.

MITCHELLVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 30 (AP).—Fourteen persons were injured today when the Louisville & Nashville Railroad's streamliner passenger train Hummingbird, involved in its fourth accident in recent days, collided with a freight train on a siding near this town on the Tennessee-Kentucky border.

The engine and one of the cars of the Hummingbird were derailed and a third car was thrown into the air by the collision.

COLDWATER, Ohio, Jan. 30 (AP).—Two trainmen were killed and two injured today in the collision of two freight trains on the Nickel Plate Line five miles west of here. The dead were James N. Huff, a fireman, and John D. Meyers, a brakeman, both of Lima.

Minnesota AFL League To Seek Defeat of Ball  
By the Associated Press  
ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 30.—The Minnesota State Federation of Labor initiated a campaign to seek defeat next fall for Senator Ball, Republican, of Minnesota, and any other Minnesota members of Congress it may deem unfriendly to labor.

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JUSTICE STEPHENS.

## Truman Praises Star's Editorial On Aid Program

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Marshall Plan analyses in the editorial columns of the Evening Star and the New York Herald Tribune were praised yesterday by President Truman who said they explained comprehensively the need for the full \$6,800,000,000 administration has asked to launch the program.

Mr. Truman's comment came during a news conference discussion over congressional criticism of the appropriation with particular reference to the \$2,300,000,000 fund the President has explained is necessary to set up a "pipeline," leaving \$4,500,000,000 to be actually expended.

A reporter told the president that was the only point of difference in the Capitol, and the President said he didn't think that would be a point of difference very long if the two editorials bearing on the point were read.

The discussion came near the end of the conference and at the President's mention of The Star's editorial in the back row asked, "What about the balcony?" The President joined in the laughter that followed and the conference broke up.

## Weather Report

District of Columbia.—Considerable cloudiness with highest temperature about 28 degrees this afternoon, becoming colder tonight and Saturday with light snow late tonight and tomorrow. Lowest temperature about 10 degrees. Brisk northerly winds.

Virginia.—Considerably colder weather with snow or sleet south portion and snow north portion late tonight and tomorrow.

Maryland.—Cloudy, considerably colder tonight. Some snow and continued very cold tomorrow. Wind velocity, 20 miles per hour; direction, northwest.

Read Report.  
(From American Automobile Association.) Roads in Eastern Maryland and Virginia mostly clear but with a few slippery spots; no chains needed. Western Maryland and Virginia roads are still slow and slippery; chains needed. Light freezing rain falling in southwestern part of Virginia.

5-Day Weather Forecast—January 30 Through February 4.  
District 4.—Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, East Pennsylvania and New York:

Temperature will average about 5 degrees below normal. Normal maximum 41 and normal minimum 26. Quite cold Saturday, becoming a little warmer Sunday afternoon and Monday. Colder Tuesday and Wednesday. Snow late Friday night or Saturday. Snow or rain about Tuesday. Total precipitation near one-half inch.

River Report.  
(From U. S. Engineers.) Potomac River at Havertown Ferry and at Great Falls; Shenandoah clear at Harpers Ferry.

Humidity.  
Yesterday, 67. Today, 64. 4 p.m., 67. 8 a.m., 64. 8 p.m., 67. 1:30 p.m., 68.

High and Low for Yesterday.  
High, 36. at 3:56 p.m. Low, 27. at 12:48 a.m.

Record Temperatures This Year.  
Highest, 62, on January 9. Lowest, 5, on January 26.

(Furnished by United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

High and Low for Tomorrow.  
Sun, today, 7:16. Rise, 8:57. Sun, tomorrow, 7:16. Rise, 8:57.

Moons, today, 10:53 p.m. 10:10 a.m. Automobile lights must be turned on one-half hour after sunset.

Monthly precipitation in inches in the Capital (current month to date).  
1946: Jan., 4.57. Feb., 3.55. March, 3.75. April, 3.75. May, 3.75. June, 3.75. July, 4.71. August, 4.01. September, 3.24. October, 2.84. November, 3.32. December, 3.32.

Temperatures in Various Cities.  
High Low. Albuquerque 28 10. Miami 26 69. Atlanta 28 10. Milwaukee 26 69. Atlantic City 28 21. New Orleans 28 38. Baltimore 32 2. Norfolk 38 7.

Boston 32 9. Oklahoma City 23 14. Buffalo 21 9. Omaha 23 14. Cincinnati 23 11. Phoenix 25 26. Detroit 23 10. Pittsburgh 23 14. El Paso 30 9. Portland Me. 28 14. Grand Rapids 23 11. St. Paul 23 14. Harrisburg 31 14. St. Louis 34 14. Indianapolis 29 25. San Antonio 28 40. Kansas City 29 25. St. Francisco 28 40. Los Angeles 62 44. Seattle 44 37. Louisville 28 18. Tampa 73 36.

Degree Days  
These "degree days" figures will be reported every day in The Star's full weather report.

"Degree days" for yesterday, 39. Accumulated "degree days" 2,596.

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## AFL Gets Nomination Of Biemiller as Head Of Political Unit Today

By James Y. Newton

Star Staff Correspondent

MIAMI, Jan. 30.—Appointment of Andrew Biemiller, former Democratic House member from Wisconsin, as director of the AFL's first major venture into national politics will be recommended by a subcommittee of top Federation officials, it was learned here today.

The recommendation of Mr. Biemiller as director of Labor's League for Political Education will be made to the AFL Executive Council later today. The council is holding its annual winter meeting here.

Formal selection of a director will not be made until the full committee of labor officials who guide policy for the league meets next Wednesday. However, the committee is certain to appoint the man approved by the Executive Council.

Council to Get Keenan Name.  
The council also will receive today the name of Joseph Keenan, wartime Government official of Chicago, for appointment as assistant director of the political league. Mr. Keenan, secretary of the Chicago Federation of Labor, was vice chairman of the War Production Board and later adviser on manpower and labor matters to the American occupation forces in Germany.

While in Congress, Mr. Biemiller was known as a liberal. In his position to his selection developed among top AFL officials on the grounds that he is too much of a New Dealer. He is 41 and served only one term in Congress. He was defeated in 1946.

However, the subcommittee appointed to pick a director and assistant director was unable to find a more suitable choice. Efforts were made to interest former Senator James M. Mead of New York and Representative Neely, Democrat, of West Virginia. Mr. Mead turned down the offer, while Mr. Neely decided to seek election to the Senate next November.

\$400,000 Campaign Planned.  
Meanwhile, it was learned the AFL plans to spend \$400,000 instead of \$100,000 this year in establishing and operating an elaborate new information and education office. The headquarters will be in Washington, but branches, staffed by persons of newspaper and radio experience, will be set up in key cities over the country.

The public information establishment is expected to be permanent and it will not be under the political league. It will be supervised by the AFL directly, while the league, because of the Taft-Hartley Act, will operate on voluntary contributions.

Headquarters for the information office and the league will be in Washington in a building on H street N.W., near Sixteenth, which was referred to as the "Square of Kennett Square."

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the most difficult period in the history of labor relations in this country threatens to ensue."

The council blamed the labor law entirely for the long disputes between the AFL International Typographical Union and employers. It referred to the ITU as a "stable, progressive and public-spirited union."

Woodruff Randolph, ITU president, arrived here for an appearance before the council today. He requested the audience without specifying his reasons for wanting it.

Dr. A. V. Eurich to Act As Stanford President

By the Associated Press  
PALO ALTO, Calif., Jan. 30.—Dr. Alvin V. Eurich, vice president of Stanford University since 1944, was appointed yesterday as acting president, replacing Dr. Donald Bertrand Tresidder, who died in New York Wednesday night.

Dr. Tresidder, 53, was found dead in his hotel room. He was in New York attending meetings of the Association of American Universities. An autopsy showed he suffered from a coronary condition.

His body was flown to Palo Alto, where private funeral services will be held either today or tomorrow. Classes were suspended yesterday in memory of the Indiana-born educator, who became president of the university where he had worked his way to a degree.

In Key West, Fla., former President Hoover, a Stanford alumnus, expressed deep sorrow at the death of Dr. Tresidder.

"President Tresidder was one of the youngest and one of the most promising of university presidents."

Pennock  
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World Series innings without allowing a runner to reach first base, still a record.

That was in the 1927 series when he was pitching for the Yankees against the Pirates. Pennock's chance of a no-hitter was spoiled by Pie Traynor's single. The Pirates got two other hits and scored, but Pennock won the game, 3 to 1.

Mr. Pennock was born February 19, 1894, at Kennett Square, Pa., of Quaker parentage. He always had resided in the farm country of Chester County along the Pennsylvania-Maryland border where he was referred to as the "Squire of Kennett Square."

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## The Federal Spotlight

## Truman's Reorganization Act Authority Expires in 2 Months

By Joseph Young

Only two months remain for President Truman to submit any more governmental reorganization plans to Congress.

The Reorganization Act giving the President the authority to submit the plans, with the proposals automatically becoming law unless they are vetoed by both the House and Senate within 60 days, expires April 1.

With the April 1 deadline not too far away, there is a definite possibility the White House will forward several more departmental and reorganization plans to Capitol Hill.

Mr. Truman previously has noted the unnecessary duplication of functions and activities by Government agencies and the need to put the Government on a more businesslike basis. And the General Accounting Office has cited instances after instance where as many as 20 or 25 agencies are engaged in some phases of the same activities.

Under the Reorganization Act, Mr. Truman has battled 333 with two of his six proposals becoming law. These brought the Children's Bureau under the Federal Security Agency and placed all the various Federal housing bureaus under the same agencies.

The Republican-controlled Congress may enact another Reorganization Act, but there is some talk that it may wait until next year to do so, in the hope that there will be a Republican in the White House.

SOME JOB—Detailed information on all added activities performed by Government agencies since before the war has been requested by the Senate Civil Service Committee.

In charge of the project will be the Civil Service Commissioner and the Budget Bureau, with all departments and agencies responsible for furnishing the information to commission and budget offices.

A similar request was made some time ago by the House Appropriations Committee, but complete details never were forthcoming.

Principle reason for the request is the feeling of Chairman Langer of the Senate Civil Service Committee that the current 2,000,000 level of Federal Employment was the result of Federal pay raise chances unless the employment is justified to Congress.

The Government's employment is double what it was in 1939. But Civil Service Commissioner Arthur S. Flemming pointed out to the committee that more than 70 per cent of all Government workers are employed in the military agencies, Veterans' Administration and the Post Office Department. Sizeable reductions in these agencies would depend to a great extent on changes in national policy.

RETIREMENT TIF—Senate conferees on the civil service retirement bill are reported to be dead set against any lifting of the 35-year credit limitation.

The Senate bill limits to 35 the number of years that can be used in computing an employee's annuity. Obviously, this would result in a substantial reduction in Federal pay for workers with more than 35 years in the Government service. The House bill contains no such limitation.

A spokesman for the Senate conferees said removal of the 35-year limitation would mean an added cost of \$30,000,000 annually. And he said this would result in plenty of opposition to the bill when it comes up for final House and Senate approval.

"We've got a chance to work out a very liberal bill which will be fair to all, but if those who want to abolish the 35-year limitation are successful, it might cause serious trouble in the House and Senate," the spokesman said. "Congress is in no mood to authorize a cost of \$30,000,000 annually in addition to the \$42,000,000 a year extra the bill already is going to cost."

Some sort of compromise conferees on the issue appears likely. But the Senate conferees we've talked to say they'll fight as hard as they can to keep the 35-year limitation in the bill.

TROUBLE—At least four Government agencies—the Veterans' Administration, the Maritime Commission, the War Assets Administration and the Atomic Energy Commission—are facing close inspection by the House Appropriations Committee.

The four agencies were scheduled to be included in today's Independent Offices Appropriations bill, but the House group decided to delve more thoroughly into the agencies' activities.

The Committee has not disclosed what it has in mind regarding WAA and the AEC, but it is known that committee members are dissatisfied with personnel policies at the Maritime Commission and the Veterans' Administration.

Last year the committee questioned some of the activities in the agencies but didn't have too much time in which to pursue the matter. This year the situation appears to be different, and the committee intends to study the situation thoroughly before deciding on the appropriations. It's a good bet that VA and Maritime face heavy fund slashes.

PAY RAISE—Milton Kelensohn, acting legislative director of the CIO United Public Workers of America, told the Senate Civil Service Committee the other day the homes of many Government workers are facing the problem of juvenile delinquency because of low pay.